

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Blas Cerda

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For: SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF
METABOLIC ENZYME ACTIVITY AND
METABOLITE LEVELS

Examiner: P. C. Martin

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 29, 2007, Applicant hereby elects the species "hydrolase." Applicant identifies all claims as generally related to the selected species.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dated: July 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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